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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN EXILE LEADER CLAIMS CARTER APPOINTMENT

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1. VILLACORTA APPROACHED THE EMBASSY SEVERAL TIMES IN 1975 AND 1976 REPRESENTING HIMSELF AS THE PRESIDENT OF A FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PERU. VILLACORTA'S CONVERSATIONS WERE LACED WITH REFERENCES TO HIS INTIMATE FRIENDSHIPS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FORMER VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, THEN AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR JAMES CAMPBELL, AMBASSADOR JOVA AND OTHERS. HIS ALLEGED UPCOMING VISITS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, SENATOR KENNEDY AND UN SECGEN WALDHEIM RESEMBLE PAST CLAIMS THAT HE WOULD BE "DROPPING IN ON NELSON (ROCKEFELLER) NEXT WEEK".

2. REFTEL NOTES VILLACORTA'S CLAIM THAT HE IS A POLITICAL EXILE. WHEN APPEARING AT THE EMBASSY HE WOULD COMMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN STRIPPED OF HIS CITIZENSHIP BY FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR AND THAT HE HAD ILLEGALLY SLIPPED ACROSS THE BORDER FROM ECUADOR. THOSE CLAIMS COULD WELL BE TRUE. HE MISREPRESENTS HIMSELF, HOWEVER, AS A FORMER SENATOR AND DIPLOMAT UNDER PRESIDENT BELAUNDE. VILLACORTA ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN A CABINET OFFICIAL AND PRESS
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SECRETARY TO BELAUNDE. BELAUNDE'S LONG-TIME PRESS SECRETARY NEVER HEARD OF VILLACORTA AND ASSURES EMBASSY THAT VILLACORTA COULD NOT HAVE HELD IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN THE BELAUNDE GOVERNMENT. VILLACORTA ASSERTS THAT THE MORALES BERMUDEZ REGIME HAS OFFERED HIM "SENIOR DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS IN RETURN FOR DESISTING FROM HIS EXILE ACTIVITIES" (REFTEL). EMBASSY CONSIDERS SUCH AN OFFER EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.

3. VILLACORTA'S VISITS HERE AND APPARENTLY ELSEWHERE INVARIABLY CONCLUDE WITH VISA REQUESTS FOR PROBLEM CASES. IN THAT REGARD WE NOTE THAT AN AUGUST 29, 1973 OM FROM EMBASSY MEXICO TO THE DEPARTMENT REPORTED ON THE DETENTION OF VILLACORTA BY MEXICAN POLICE AND HIS SUBSEQUENT DEPORTATION FOR VISA-FIXING INVOLVING CHILEAN NATIONALS. IN SUM, VILLACORTA'S CLAIMS SEEM HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE. DEAN

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